

Rehnquist

Discussion Point: Justice Rehnquist was expected to push the Supreme Court in a more conservative direction during his tenure. One area many commentators expected to see changes was in limiting the power of the federal government and in increasing the power of state governments.

- Was Rehnquist able to influence the court toward a more conservative approach in their decisions?
- What lasting impact do you think limiting federal power over state governments has had within the state court system?
- What "western" influence do you think Justice Rehnquist brought with him to the Supreme Court?
- Based on how Rehnquist interacted with his staff, what advice do you think he would give to judicial staff in regards to the difficult and challenging situations we face today.